



Foothills
Animal Hospital

June is Senior Pet Month

What is Senior Pet Month you ask? It is a time to show our 'senior' patients a little extra love! It is also a time to raise awareness about some of the issues these guys may encounter as they age- often not dis-similar to our own. As our pets age, they become increasingly more vulnerable to conditions such as heart disease, liver disease, kidney disease, dental problems, digestive disorders and diabetes.

To make those senior years as smooth as possible for both our furry friends and their owners, we are offering a heavily discounted 'Senior Pet Package' for the month of June in the hope of detecting any issues early on and maintaining the best quality of life possible for our pets.

What to Expect?

A full nose to tail health check will be performed focusing on areas we are most likely to see problems.

The package includes:

- Blood test to check organ function.
- Blood pressure check.
- Urine test.
- Nail trim.
- Arthritis injection (if needed).
- FREE joint supplements and a show bag (while stocks last).
- 10% off Hills feline or canine j/d joint formula.
- 10% off dentals booked before the end of the month.

Over \$450 worth of services for only \$239!!

(for pets OVER 7 years of age only)

Call today on 9497 7488 or pay us a visit to book in!

Photo of the Month

'Little Red Riding Hood' aka Banjo.

Banjo was in for aural haematoma surgery last week. This surgery becomes necessary when there is a build-up of blood in the ear causing it to swell. Often when this happens, it will feel funny and dogs will want to shake their head. All this does is makes it worse so when Banjo continued to shake his head AFTER surgery, we had no choice but to give him a beautiful head wrap and turn him into little red riding hood! We think he looks adorable, he's not so sure!

Once healed, we were able to remove the wrap and send Banjo home where he is making a full recovery.



Winter Edition



Haley

SENIOR VETERINARY NURSE

Haley is our senior clinical nurse and in house Cat Advocate. Haley started her career in the veterinary industry in 2005 as an equine nurse. She then became qualified in 2009, when she switched over to small animal nursing.

She has a special interest in surgery and medical cases.

Haley grew up on a farm in Baldvis taking in any stray and orphaned animals she could find. In her spare time she enjoys bush-walking with her family, horse riding and catching up with friends and family.

She shares her home with a great Great Dane named Optimus and a cranky cat called Jahoolie.

Haley has recently announced that she is once again pregnant- hooray! Although she isn't yet showing, she will soon be getting ready to be a mother a second time round! We wish her all the best on her adventures to come!

The Dreaded Kennel Cough

Kennel cough in dogs is a highly contagious upper respiratory infection which can be caused by bacteria or a virus. Kennel Cough or Canine Cough is transmitted to other dogs much the same way as a human cold transmits in humans -- through airborne organisms or dog to dog contact.

When the bacteria or virus (or both) infects your pet, the lining of the trachea and bronchi become inflamed and when air passes over them it results in an irritating cough. Symptoms present as a dry, hacking, coarse cough, retching and gagging. It often sounds like your dog has got something caught in the back of their throat and is trying to cough it up.

Prevention is a yearly vaccine. Either a squirt up the nose or an injection under the skin at the back of the neck. Treatment – During your exam, a vet will determine whether antibiotics or cough suppressants are most appropriate.

HAART-Breaking Story of Grimm the cat



Grimm has spent his life living it rough on the streets. He came into the care of HAART rescue group earlier this year and after being checked over by a vet, it was discovered he had congenital bilateral eyelid atresia. This meant he couldn't close his eyes and his eyelashes continually scratched them. Over time, scars formed and eventually caused his left eye to be blind. His right eye was also very damaged and dry. Grimm came in to have eye surgery with Foothills, with the vision of potentially removing both eyes. The team did not want to give up on him so easily, so it was decided that Dr Jonathan

would remove one eye and wave his magic wand to see what he could do to help Grimm's remaining eye... Four hours of surgery later Dr Jonathan had done a phenomenal job; grafting an eye lid made out of Grimm's upper lip! Recovery has been fairly intense but after some warm compresses and lots of TLC from the wonderful team at HAART, Grimm is making a full recovery. As the cost for this surgery would have been rather large, Foothills vets decided to perform it free of charge. We love the work that HAART do and are glad to help them out wherever possible.



Product of the Month: Adaptil



Does your dog struggle with stress and anxiety? Do you have a new puppy that is learning about car rides and taking trips to the vets? You may notice when nervous dogs come in to the clinic, we often give them a bandanna sprayed with a dog appeasing pheromone called ADAPTIL. Adaptil is a spray that only your dog can smell; it is a stress relieving pheromone that reminds them of the pheromone given from mother to puppy. It can help your puppy take on new situations with more confidence, more focus and relieve overall anxiety.

Adaptil comes in a spray, a collar or a diffuser that can be on constantly at home. If you have any questions about this product or are interested in testing a bandanna on your pooch, please let us know at reception and we can organise this for you.

Phone consultations -now available

Foothills are now offering phone consultations for people who are unable to attend a face-to-face consult for whatever reason.

These are a great option for prescription repeats too! 10mins - \$33.00 guaranteed time-slot for a phone call with the vet.

Opening Times

M—F: 8:00am – 6:00pm
W: 8:00am – 6:30pm
S: 8:00am – 3:00pm